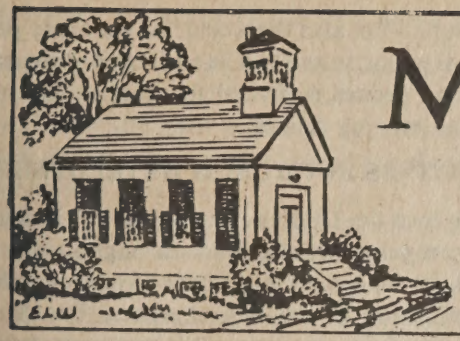

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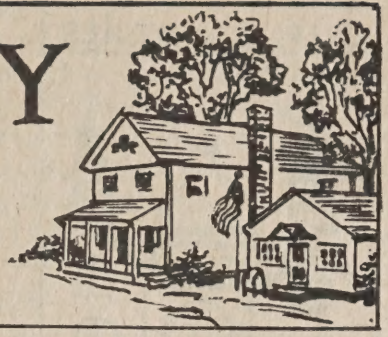


APRIL 1983

TOWN MEETING, 1983

Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Voting for candidates for office will be possible from 10:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. of that day.

Among special articles on the warrant are the following:

A proposal to replace the Town Shed with a new $80,000 structure. The existing shed, a 40′ x 30′ concrete block structure, is too small to house all Town vehicles and has been judged to be inefficient energy-wise by a CET energy audit last year. The new shed will be a 55′ x 71′ wooden structure. Everything possible will be salvaged out of the old building. Bids for the new building will be out imminently.

The Town will be asked to accept a gift from the Lake Buel Improvement Association of $47,000 to be used to match state funds allocated for the clean-up of the lake. Application for the funds had to come through a "governmental unit." Therefore, the Town of Monterey applied for and will accept the state money in its role as an eligible public entity. The money will be used to pay for a weed harvester and for studies on the mechanics of an eventual drawdown procedure on Lake Buel.

There is a request for $6,900 to purchase emergency medical equipment for the Monterey Fire Company (see Fire Company New, p.9).

There is a request for $3,000 in additional funds to bring the audit of Town books up to date. The books have been audited up to June 30, 1981, so far.

The Town will vote whether to accept an offer by the state to finance the construction of a new bridge across Rawson Brook on New Marlborough Road (see Peter Murkett's letter, p.7).

Among raises and changes in the regular budget there are:

A separation into two categories of what used to be the Assessor's Clerk job. The new categories are Assessor's Appraiser ($4,000) and Assessor's Clerk ($2,400).

The Tax Collector's expenses have been separated out of general Printing and Stationery costs for reasons of clarity. Tax Collector expenses for 1983-84 are estimated to be $2,275.

Southern Berkshire Regional School District Capital Costs went down about $120 this year and Operating Costs went from $210,178 in 1982-83 to $219,422 for 1983-84.

Raises in salary are recommended for members of the Town crew, as well as for the Selectmen's secretary.

Candidates for Election

There are only two contests in this year's election. For Moderator the Democrats nominated incumbent Eugene W. O'Connell and the Republicans Sarah Conklin. For Tree Warden the Republicans nominated Eric Pedersen and the Democrats incumbent Roger Tryon.

Supported by both parties are: Selectman, Stefan Grotz; Board of Appeals, Peter Vallianos; Assessor, Cynthia Weber; School Committee, Cory Loder; Cemetery Commission, Harold Greene; Constable, Raymond Tryon; Auditor, Barbara Gauthier; Library Trustees, Betty Lee Carlson and Anne Marie Makuc; Parks Commission, Deborah Mielke; Planning Board, William Brockman; Finance Committee, Sheldon Fenn; Treasurer, Storrs Olds; and Tax Collector, Henry Makuc.

MORE VOLUNTEER WATER TESTERS NEEDED IN MONTEREY AND SANDISFIELD

A program is under way by which water in Berkshire lakes and streams is being tested for undue acidity caused by acid rain. Lake water is being evaluated as to its ability to buffer changes in pH and to maintain a stable environment for fish. Conclusions from this study will be important additions to the general investigation going on in the U. S. and Canada to determine causes and effects of acid rain.

Don Roeder, Director of Environmental Studies at Simon's Rock, is looking for volunteers to monitor the water in Lake Garfield and the Konkapot River. He says that the Sandisfield-Monterey area is the most sensitive to acid rain because of its lack of a limestone base to counter the acid with alkalinity.

Procedure for monitoring involves taking a water sample on the third Sunday of each month and delivering it to Don's lab at Simon's Rock within two hours. He supplies special bottles for taking samples.

Loul McIntosh of Gould Farm is taking samples from Rawson Brook and the firepond there. To coordinate deliveries of samples, call Loul at 528-1965. For more information and/or to volunteer as a monitor, call Don Roeder at Simon's Rock (528-0771) or at home (274-6293).

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Preschool Class, each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Church. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m., in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., at the home of Lucy Smith.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Last Wednesday the first in a series of classes was held at the Brallier home. In inviting people in the community who are related to the church to these classes, Dr. Brallier states that each participant is encouraged to consider the possibility of becoming a member of the Monterey United Church of Christ. The classes are designed to run between Easter and Pentecost.

The class has already begun to form its own agenda, so that the participants themselves decide what issues are important to them. It is anticipated that there will be a reception of new members on Pentecost Sunday. Though there has been one meeting already, anyone still is welcome to join the class.

STUDYING THE RESURRECTION SCRIPTURES

Every Thursday at 7:45 p.m. until Pentecost a group is meeting at the home of Lucy Smith to study the resurrection scriptures. The resurrection accounts in each of the gospels will be studied, as well as I Corinthians 1:15-58. Some of the questions and issues being dealt with are: What are the qualities of the resurrected Christ? What are the implications of Christ's resurrection for our lives here and now? What are the implications of Christ's resurrection for the future of our lives? What suggestions do we have regarding the "shape of the life to come" as regards our body-soul nature? Why is the resurrection one of the principal centers around which Christian belief is formed? Does the resurrection have implications that help us shape—not only a belief about the present and future of persons—but also the world? As the study proceeds other questions will arise and will be addressed. Anyone in the community who desires is invited to come to any or all of these Thursday evening classes.

NEW INITIATIVES IN CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

"New Initiatives in Church Development" is the name given to the campaign to raise funds throughout the United Church of Christ for the establishment of new churches and for the revitalization of existing churches. The Monterey Church is engaged in advancing this program during the spring season. The diaconate has taken especial responsibility to help develop this program in Monterey. Jean Stowell is helping coordinate the educational phase of the program.

In time each person in the church will be asked to consider the support he/she will give to help the church deepen its ministry to people through this process.

USED CLOTHING COLLECTION

It's time for the annual used clothing collection.

Since 1946, when 17 Protestant denominations banded together to meet needs in the aftermath of World War II, Church World Services has been offering compassionate assistance to people caught in disasters and other events of critical need.

We help by contributing to a stockpile of clothing ready to be dispensed when crises arrive.

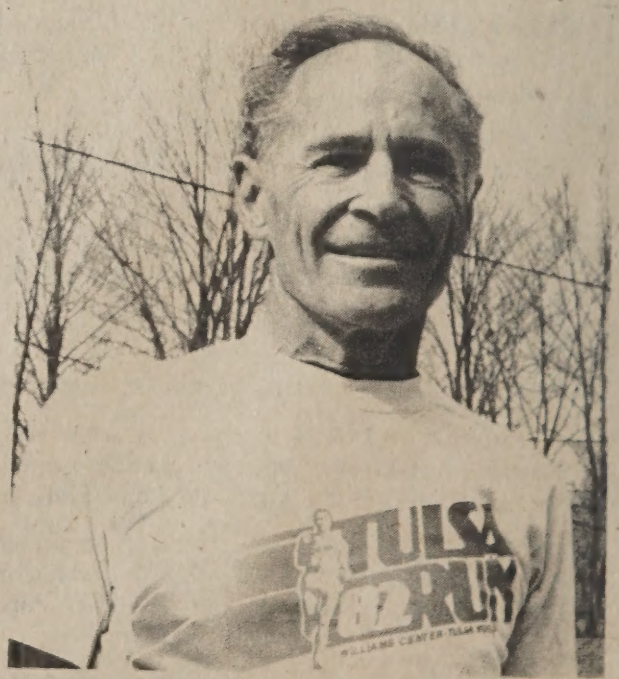
Especially needed are clothing for infants and children, sweaters for all ages, lightweight clothing and new underwear for school children and adults.

Also needed are skeins of yarn, either whole or partly used.

Boxes for receiving clothing will be at Walsh's Service Station and at the United Church of Christ. Last day of collection: May 15.

Sharing blesses twice.

— Mary Ward



Reverend Jim Parker from Monterey in his Will Rogers Oil Capital Marathon Shirt. Reverend Parker ran in the Boston Marathon April 18.

GROWING: THROUGH AGONY AND JOY

Human growth is everywhere applauded. The actual means of growth is often resisted. We honor the growing up process, yet we frequently try to avoid the experiences through which growth comes. The emergence of personhood is surrounded with puzzling paradoxes.

Alternating rhythms flow through all of nature; night and day, summer and winter, high tide and low tide, seedtime and harvest—and the list has barely begun. It should not surprise us, then, that the development of personality also has its rhythms.

There is a rhythm between agony and joy that is an integral part of growth. Can anyone have lived long enough without encountering it? Do not there come those times of early promise and movement when it appears that success and happiness are certain? Yet often, seemingly without rhyme or reason things start to go wrong, and a period of readjustment ensues. What sort of perversity is built into the life process that returns again and again to threaten the forward movement?

Here, for instance, is a marriage. Everyone is impressed with what a well-matched couple they are. In fact, they even think so themselves. Yet in two or three years things happen that threaten their happiness. Why now do their personalities start to rub on one another? Is there a perversity built into the scheme of things that seems determined to crush hope and joy? Certainly it appears that way when the rough places appear. Would not all of us sidestep these rocky places if we could?

Passing through enough of these times we begin to see a pattern emerging. The agonies of life force us into periods of change. We simply are not permitted to stay as we are. There is no way to stay fixed, set in our ways, no matter how hard we try. Life seems determined to throw us off balance.

This agony side of the process seems to be committed to throwing us off balance. Without being thrown off balance we would tend to remain as we are. In walking we move forward by continually throwing our body off balance and then regaining it again. Try walking without losing your balance. Your walk is much more graceful if you risk that imbalance than if you insist rigidly on a perfectly balanced upright position all the way.

If I were free to do so, I would choose joy, joy, joy each step of the way. Fortunately, there is a life design going on in and through me that has much more sense than I have been able to gain in my short lifetime. Fortunately, it pays scant attention to my plea that I may lead a comfortable, undisturbed life. The side of life I try to reject, and would if I could, is critical for my growth pilgrimage. Choke as I do over them, I praise the agonies of life.

Oh, but let us not forget the side of life that rejoices. That, too, is profoundly important if we are to be growing persons. If we become obsessed with how spitefully life treats us, so that we see nothing to celebrate, we are losing touch with the other side of the growth rhythm. The smallest thing in life we can celebrate, by that much, draws us deeper into the stream of life. If I allow life to become dark, unthankful and ungrateful, my own participation in joy is diminished.

Ordinarily, we take more naturally to the joys life presents. It would seem unnatural to celebrate any form of pain. Most of us need educating on both sides of this rhythm of growth. To be blind or crippled on one side tends to make us unseeing or halting in the other side as well.

Will you not join me in praising both the agony and joy of growing? On whichever side of the rhythm you find yourself just now, let your memory call to mind what it feels like to be on the opposite side of the pendulum swing. St. Paul said, "I have learned how to be abased . . . and I have learned how to abound." He was talking about a perspective that is able to grasp the whole of life and see a wisdom that is vastly deeper than his own devising. I wish you joy, yes, and I wish you understanding in your agony.

— Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

BULLETIN FROM WALSH'S MOBIL STATION

Our last load of gas was delivered April 8, so it is just a matter of time till there will be no more to pump. We would guess that it might take us till the last of May, but we'll keep you posted.

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Hopscotch weather returns to the Monterey Kindergarten.

YOUTH NEWS

Cub Scouts, Den 3 (Mrs. Harvey)

Nothing.

Tigers (Mrs. Callahan)

The boys went to visit the Brad Wagstaff farm and saw and learned about all the farm animals and their babies.

Brownies

The girls attended the Girl Scout Birthday Party which was held in Great Barrington. Cadette Troop #9 invited all the troops. Each troop had to put on a performance, so the Brownies put on an animated version of the "Brownie Smile Song." After the party the Brownies sent a thank-you note.

In preparation for spring the girls planted marigold seeds and also made forsythia pictures out of crepe paper.

For Easter they made styrofoam rabbits and Easter bunny baskets.

The Brownies are also proud to say that they've "adopted" the tree in front of the library, to watch it change and grow.

4-H Horse Club

They're working very hard on their Horse Management Records. New members are Mike and Jim Bragdon, Mary Heath, and Janet Thieriot. Mary Heath was elected as news reporter. In the beginning of May they're planning a tag sale. Horse show is coming up!

NEWS FROM NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL

The spring bulbs which the first grade planted in the fall have begun to bloom. They look quite pretty, and the children were delighted to see this first sign of spring.

The fourth and first grades are enjoying some reading time together. The students pair off and share reading and listening time with books chosen by the students themselves.

LAMO classes began this week with Grades Three and Four. The Grade Two class will be on April 6 at 7:00 p.m. and the Grade One class on April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

During the month of March the second grade has been working on Easter projects—fluffy bunny baskets and hand-painted Easter eggs for the classroom egg tree. They completed the unit on rocks and water, and on March 31 they enjoyed hot cross buns which they frosted themselves.

The fourth grade traveled to Gould Farm on March 25 to see maple syrup being made. Cory Loder, father of Brooke Loder (a fourth grader), gave the class a tour of the barns also. They loved seeing all the farm animals. The entire class and their teacher, Roberta Roy, were luncheon guests at the home of Cory and Nancy Loder. They had a delicious lunch of oatmeal pancakes, bacon and Gould Farm maple syrup.

The fourth grade Tag & Bake Sale was a huge success: $345 was raised for the class trip to Mystic Seaport. Roberta Roy would like to thank all the parents and people of the community who donated items and support.

On March 31, the fourth grade held a scavenger hunt on the school grounds. The winning team consisted of Kenny Nicholson and Shane Stevens.

Cooking projects for the fourth grade during March were white gingerbread and Irish soda bread. Delicious!

An awards ceremony was held at the school on March 25, and Paul Langer, principal, gave awards to those children who participated in the MS Read-a-thon, St. Jude Math-a-thon and Partners in Reading (second quarter). For the MS Read-a-thon Jennifer Stevens, Colin Storti and Sean Storti were each awarded cameras for being the top money raisers. The following students were given a frisbee and heat transfer: Heather Gunther, Stacy Palfini, Naomi Sutphen, Angel Davis, Kimberly Gillette, Tiffany Stephens and Jennifer Swann. Michael Ohman won a book; Darlene Bushey, a pen; Kimberly Gillette, a stuffed dog. All of the children also received certificates for a meal at Burger King for participating in the MS Read-a-thon. Mark Phillips and Brooke Loder also received meal certificates; $407.28 was the amount of money raised by the New Marlborough students.

The third and fourth grades took part in the St. Jude Math-a-thon, and the following students won prizes for raising money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital: Tiffany Stephens won a tee shirt; Jennifer Swann, a tee shirt; and Erin Murfitt won the grand prize, a tote bag.

The second marking period Partners in Reading awards were given out at this ceremony also. Grade 1—Patricia Davis, certificate; Tish Thorpe, certificate. Grade 2—Chris Callahan, certificate; Heather Gunther, certificate; Joshua Phelps, certificate; Jennifer Stevens, second certificate and star. Grade 3—Richard Goewey, button, blue ribbon; Frank Soncini, button, blue ribbon, certificate; Tiffany Stevens, certificate, blue ribbon.

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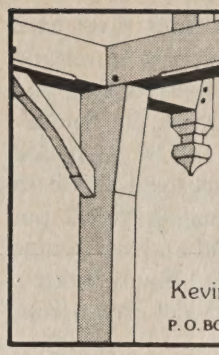

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GARFIELD AND BUEL STOCKED WITH FISH

Lake Garfield, Lake Buel and the Konkapot River have been amply stocked with fish during the months of March and April by the local division of the Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife Agency. According to Leo Daly there, Garfield received 1,000 nine-inch-plus rainbow trout and 30 1½-pound discard brook stock brook trout, and Buel received 40 discard brood stock trout on April 1. On the same day the Konkapot received 2,000 nine-inch-plus rainbow trout and six to nine brook trout ("very nice," he said, about 1/3 pound apiece). On March 18 Buel received 500 nine-pound-plus brown trout and 500 nine-pound-plus brook trout.

Increased creel limits were in effect on April 15. Time to go fishing.

ENERGY PROJECT REPORT

The Old Firehouse

On March 23 the Energy Project chaired a meeting in the Town Offices to discuss the future of the old firehouse. Stefan Grotz and Hans Kessler were there in the interest of the Town. The meeting was poorly attended, which proved a point—there is not that much interest in its future. The biggest dilemma is the amount of money it will take to make it usable for anything. The Energy Project was hoping to improve the building so that groups in town could make use of it—the cost is prohibitive.

We hope that someone comes up with a solution, or that the building is torn down before it falls down.

United States Postal Service

NOTES FROM THE MONTEREY POST OFFICE

People collect stamps for many different reasons. For example, it's reported that a lady ran a want ad in a newspaper seeking enough stamps to cover the walls of her dressing room. Another one is said to have collected 30,000 stamps in order to design a dress for a very special ball. For whatever reasons, stamp collecting is a fascinating pastime. Today in the United States there are more than 22 million collectors, and philately is considered to be the most popular hobby worldwide.

With the post office conducting a Spring Philatelic Promotion between April 18 and May 14, now is the perfect time to drop by and learn more about this exciting leisure-time activity.

— Walter Parks
Postmaster

PRAISE TO THE BOYS IN BLUE

Don Amstead came up to the Selectmen's Meeting on April 4 to commend the Monterey Police Department on their work in retrieving a pickup truck which was stolen from his yard on Easter Weekend this year. The truck disappeared from Don's yard during the night of Friday, April 1. He reported it to the Monterey Police on Saturday morning, and by Sunday morning he had it back, safe and sound. As Don said, he feels that the "boys in blue" get little recognition for their efforts, so he wanted to make sure they got credit this time for a job well done.

BIKEATHON PLANNED BY MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

For the second year in a row, the Monterey Police Department are planning a Bikeathon for St. Jude's Hospital. The date is set for May 21. More details to be revealed as the time draws near.

FINGERPRINTING FOR CHILDREN

The Monterey Police Department has announced that if any parents are interested in a fingerprinting program for children of Monterey residents they should call 528-0752.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Dog licenses for 1983 were due to be purchased by April 1.

TO THE EDITOR AND THE PEOPLE OF MONTEREY:

I am running for Town Moderator in this coming election and would like to introduce myself.

I am a person who enjoys running meetings, keeping the ball rolling, keeping order and interjecting a bit of humor to prevent Robert's Rules from becoming Robert's Gruel.

I feel it is essential to moderate from a position of knowledge. I would attend the final meetings prior to the Town Meeting which sum up all financial decisions. I would make it my business to be prepared and informed in order to serve this wonderful town.

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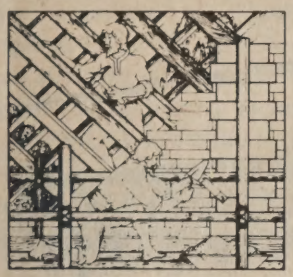

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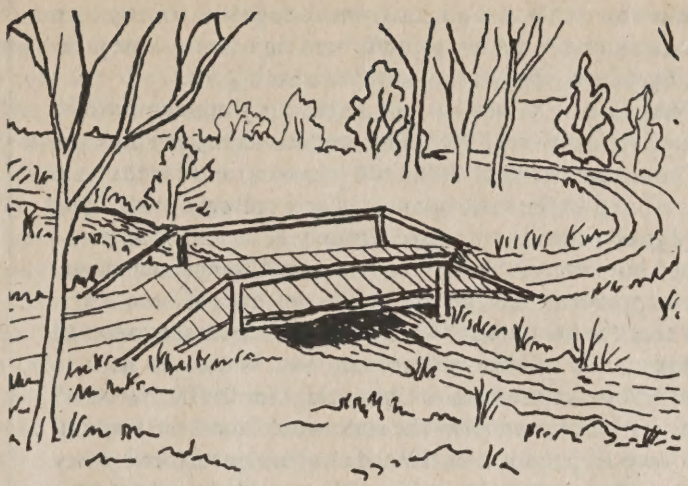

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BRIDGEWORK, OR TOOTH AND NAIL

Late last summer the old oak plank and steel beam bridge over Rawson Brook gave out after decades of service. The Selectmen closed it to traffic and looked into various possibilities for rebuilding. There were two prominent alternatives: one, to rebuild the bridge as it had been, using stronger beams set on concrete pads under the roadbed behind the old fieldstone abutments, which seem to be coming apart gradually; the other, to set concrete box culverts in the stream. Rebuilding could be done by the town crew and/or local contractors at a cost to the town of $10,000. The concrete box culverts are offered by the state at no cost to the town, with installation work by town crew and/or local contractor. The cost to the state is estimated at $30,000.

Of course, those living in the neighborhood took an interest. When they knew the choices offered, they wrote the Selectmen their preference, which was for rebuilding the old way, with extra strength. Then in October the town crew temporarily repaired the bridge using somewhat heavier steel, but without pouring the new concrete footings. They replaced the old oak plank with new, first a course crosswise, and a few days later a second lengthwise on top, making two tracks under a vehicle's wheels. This work satisfied everyone. Concrete trucks, log trucks, dump trucks, corn wagons, lime trucks, plows and sanders all used the repaired bridge with new confidence.

One resident promptly wrote the Selectmen a congratulatory note. In part, it read, "When I first moved here eleven years ago, the rattle of the crosswise planks under car wheels was a neighborhood signal that could be heard a mile off. You not only knew someone was coming or going, you could tell how fast. A few years after I first knew the bridge, planks were added the long way on top, and the rattle was gone. Now it's back again, and I find it a welcome sound, one that echoes off the hill on a still dark morning like no other. Forget the box culvert."

Well, the lengthwise planks were added to the new job the same day that note went into the mail, so the rattle-and-boom signal disappeared again, probably once and for all. Time was

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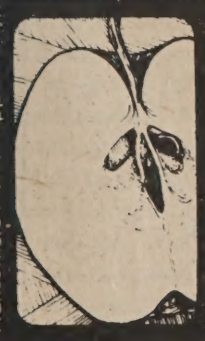

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when a slow rattle at night that wasn't followed shortly by a car driving up the hill was a pretty sure sign of someone jacklighting deer in the nearby cornfield. So it goes.

Along in here somewhere an *Eagle* story appeared which claimed residents near the bridge were concerned to preserve the "rustic appearance" of the old structure, and for that reason objected to the state-sponsored box culvert option. That made good press, but it wasn't entirely accurate. A response penned but never published read, in part: "Our principal concern is practical and economic; the aesthetic is secondary. Now that the bridge has been repaired at minimal expense to the town, it is safe for all ordinary use. We see no need to spend additional money to build a bridge for traffic that won't cross it. It's irrelevant that the state would fund the box culverts—we all pay for it in the end. As for the aesthetic, a key element in many works fashionably regarded as "rustic" is thrift. More bridge than anybody needs over Rawson Brook will be extravagant, out of place, and ugly." The letter was never mailed. Why press a point? The bridge had been fixed. Stronger than ever, it was carrying all typical heavy traffic to everyone's satisfaction. Better to let the matter be, in the hope that the box culvert plan might die of neglect.

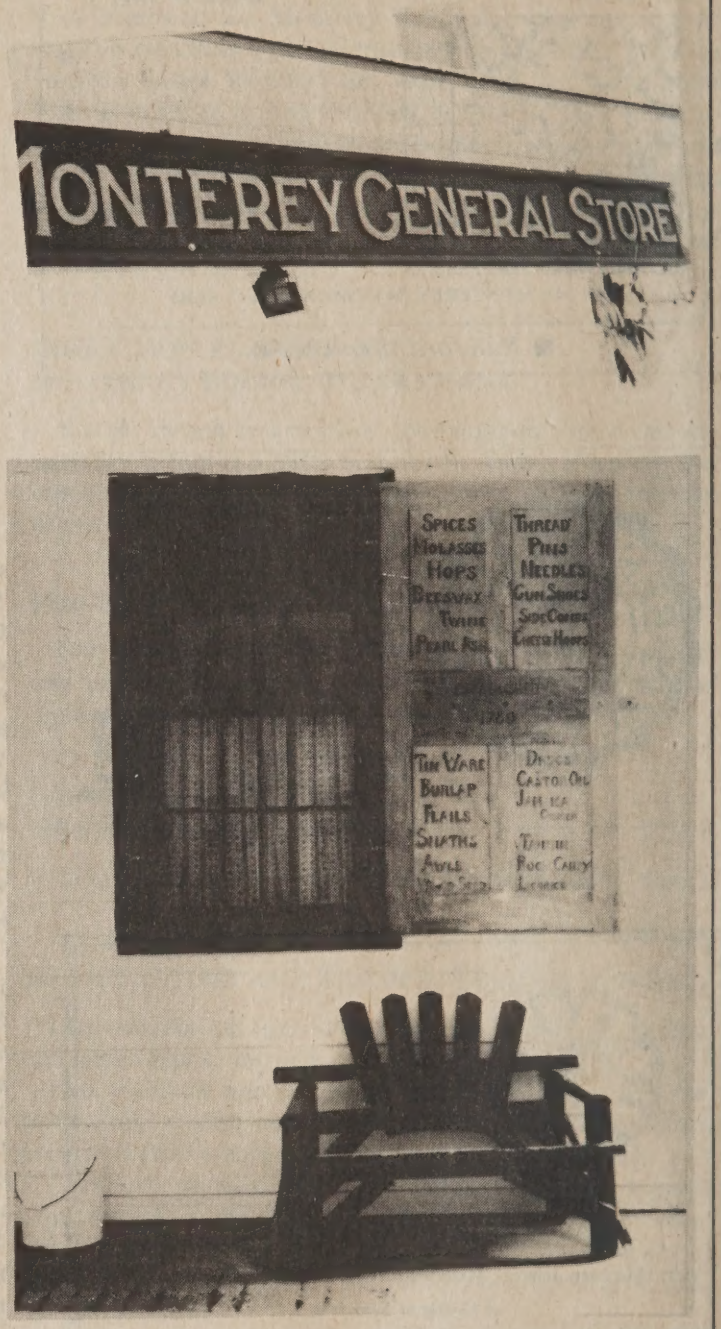
It didn't. When state engineers had finished the details of their plan, the appropriate and practical move was clear to the Selectmen. Since the state would pay the bill, and box culverts clearly have greater loading capacity and longevity than any bridge, they were unanimous in their approval of the state plan. State specs do not recognize as a bridge any span under 20', so the proposed box culverts will be 20' long and 28' wide, which compares to the present bridge's 15½-foot width and 16-foot length. At town meeting we will vote on an appropriation for upfront money for the box culverts, with full reimbursement by the state to follow.

I still regard the box culvert option as "extravagant, out of place, and ugly." The point is strongly made that as long as state funds are commonly spent for lobster lunches in Boston, we might as well take all we can get, and certainly for a purpose as practical and worthy as a better bridge. Now there's a certain hard-boiled merit in this point of view, but there's more lasting advantage in recognizing that everything we do to separate us from them exacts its price. We're all in it together; we all pay eventually. Free lunches can cause indigestion too. Beyond that, we do live in the midst of one great big eastern seaboard city, Washington clear to Boston. On account of our woods and farms we sometimes forget this. One-lane roads and bridges, minor items that slow us down some, are rare enough. Why hasten every change that welcomes bigger or better?

Maybe these considerations are precious, too refined to be worth spending 10 grand of our own tough cash in hard times, just to rebuild our own bridge our own way, when we could get something else for nothing. But we must at least record the circumstances of the changes we approve. All arguments duly noted, the hard-boiled and the precious, side by side.

See you at Town Meeting.

— Peter Murkett
Harmon Road
Dry Hill



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FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Even a little practice can go a long way. Once a year Fire Company members are instructed in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, CPR. It's what one does for victims of sudden illness or accident who have stopped breathing, or have no pulse or both. Members, augmented by a few wives and friends, met on a Wednesday night in March and saw a film in which CPR techniques were demonstrated; then everyone practiced the method on specially made manikins with rubber lungs and compressible sternums. Copies of a book put together by the American Red Cross were made available to everyone for the week, and there was a written test to pass for certification as a person trained in CPR. Although these one-evening intensive training programs come a year apart, after a few years, even without regular practice, and without an emergency that demands the skills, the techniques of CPR become familiar. This time around, it was a noticeable pleasure being in the new firehouse. Manikin practice was a grim and dusty chore at the old firehouse, something I for one was hardly aware of until I noticed how comfortable practice was in the clean, spacious, carpeted meeting room.

When I mention this as a little practice, I speak for myself. There are six Fire Company members who have completed a lengthy course in medical emergency practices. Of these trained EMTs, Pat Andrus and Wayne Dunlop are now members of the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad. They have a rotating schedule that gives each three nights of duty in a month, when they go to the Volunteer Ambulance garage at Fairview Hospital by 6 in the evening, and stay on until 8 next morning. Each also has duty one day a month on a weekend. Donald Whitbeck, who you may recall was too young to take the EMT certification test after he completed training last year, has been working for three hours every weekday since last September with the Fairview Hospital ambulance crew, as part of a program sponsored by the Southern Berkshire Educational Collaborative. Recently he took a one-day course to become a certified CPR instructor himself. With such full experience, it's got to be anticlimactic whenever it finally works out for him to take the EMT test and receive formal certification. Working is the best exercise once you're trained. It hones and deepens the skills, gives a chance for what's been learned to become instinctive.

Some of our EMTs and officers of the Fire Company met with the Town Finance Committee in March to detail our request for funds for new medical emergency equipment. These purchases will bring our tools better in line with the skills of our trained personnel. We need four portable oxygen kits. There's one now, which is kept in the Chief's car. New ones will be kept on Engine Two (the pumper), and one each with EMTs Wayne Dunlop, Maynard Forbes, and Bob Stevens. Eight so-called jump kits, which contain bag masks (for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation), airways (a device to hold open the air passage of an unconscious person), cervical collars, various bandages and other items. These kits will be on the trucks and distributed among various members. Engine Two will have a complete splint kit, a burn pack of sterile dressings, short and long back boards for moving victims with spinal injury, and a Stokes stretcher, a basketlike stretcher good for use in rough terrain, or over snow. A new portable radio to be kept with Maynard Forbes will greatly improve communications during medical emergencies. While an ambulance is en route from Great Barrington, we can let them know over the radio the exact location of the emergency, and details of the victim's condition, such as pulse rate, blood pressure, breathing. It will aid speed and efficiency when the ambulance arrives at the scene, and when they in turn get to the hospital emergency room. In any emergency, a lot depends on timing and purposeful, informed action. Good communication is essential.

The Finance Committee was unanimous in approving the $6,800 needed for these things, and it will appear as a separate article on the warrant at the Town Meeting in May. They also approved a $15,000 Fire Department budget for the new fiscal year. Budget funds will be used to maintain and update the trucks and firefighting equipment. We need more Scott airpacks, the breathing apparatus used in smoke-filled buildings while fighting fire. Fires now commonly involve a variety of synthetics that give off deadly gases when they burn. Scott packs are vital equipment that must be used by everyone exposed to smoke at a fire scene. We'll also be able to purchase new hose to replace some that's dangerously old and worn. (I was once at a fire practice elsewhere when a hose coupling blew. It knocked three people down, dislocated one shoulder and cracked some ribs. Timing on the response to this emergency was great, but the crisis itself, as with many, might be called needless. An ounce of prevention.) We'll get more Minotaurs, the portable beepers that alert scattered volunteers going about their daily business when there's a fire or medical emergency. (The trade name "Minotaur" is amusing. In Greek mythology, the Minotaur, half man and half bull, was the monstrous offspring of a crazy moonstruck coupling between a white bull and Pasiphae, wife of King Minos. Minos confined the Minotaur in a labyrinth built by Daedalus. Volunteer firemen aren't as monstrous as all that, and we don't live in any more of a maze than the rest of you, but we can be hard to locate quickly at any time of night or day, and our beepers, our Minotaurs, help a lot.) Some new Indian tanks and forestry hose pretty much completes the list of new gear that we'll be able to purchase out of operating funds in the year's budget.

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— Peter Murkett

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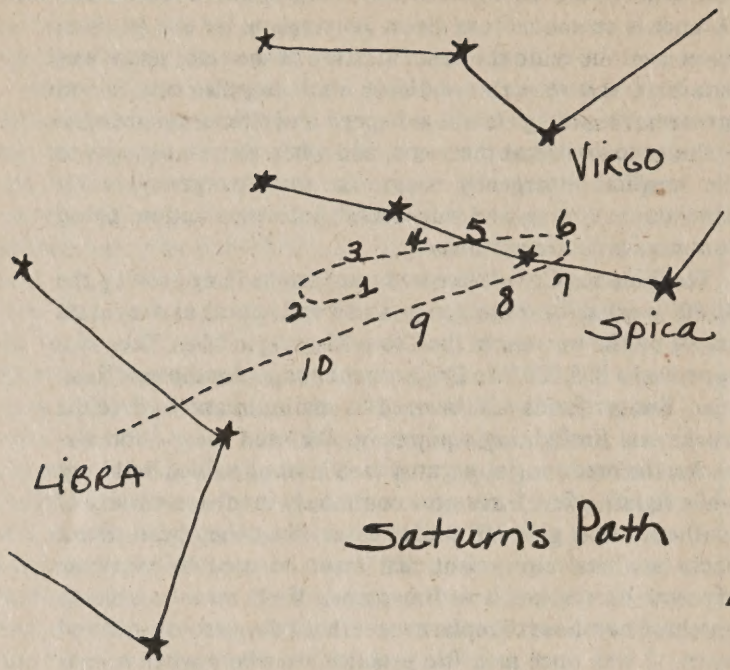


OUR PLANETARY NEIGHBORS—SATURN

Have you had a chance to observe Venus in the western sky during the past month? If not, you can enjoy this brilliant show for a couple of months longer.

Meanwhile, another planet, Saturn, has joined the night sky. Unlike Venus, Saturn lies further away from the Sun than our Earth does. His wanderings seem erratic. Ptolemy tried to explain the matter: thinking that the Earth was at the center of the Universe, he had to draw planetary paths in curlicues, because that is the way we see their paths.

In January and February Saturn moved west in relation to the stars; from March until June he will be heading east, trying to catch up with Spica in Virgo. It's a man's privilege to change his mind—maybe the Virgin isn't that attractive after all. And so old Saturn swings back and makes for Libra, a faint constellation between Virgo and Scorpio. He'll move faster and faster as the months go by.

Try to find Cancer between Gemini and Leo. A pair of binoculars will reveal a star cluster, called the Beehive. It's a lovely sight and will add a new dimension to your nightsky watching.

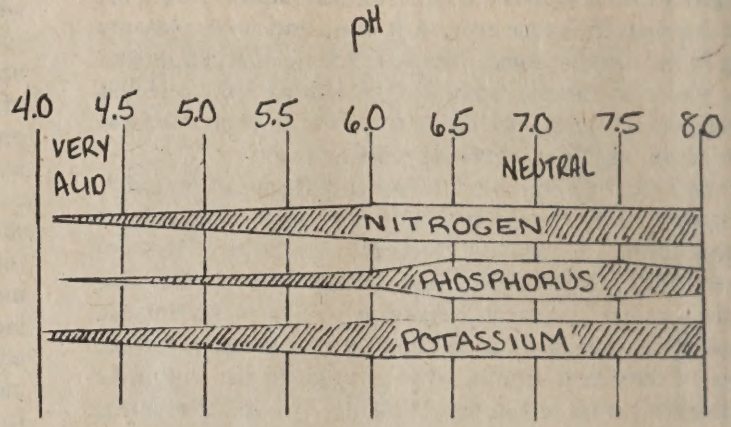
— Loul McIntosh

FREE SOIL TESTS IN DOWNTOWN MONTEREY

The Monterey Food Project will have someone waiting to test your soil samples for acidity on two Saturday mornings, April 23 and April 30 in the Post Office/General Store vicinity. Here's how to collect your sample: Using a CLEAN spoon or trowel, gather soil from several different spots around your garden, four to six inches below the soil surface, and mix them together in a clean plastic bag. If the soil is saturated, allow it to dry out a bit by leaving the top of the bag unsealed. Bring your soil along when you pick up your mail on these Saturday mornings, and we will tell you the recommended amount of lime your garden needs.

TEST YOUR SOIL FOR ACIDITY

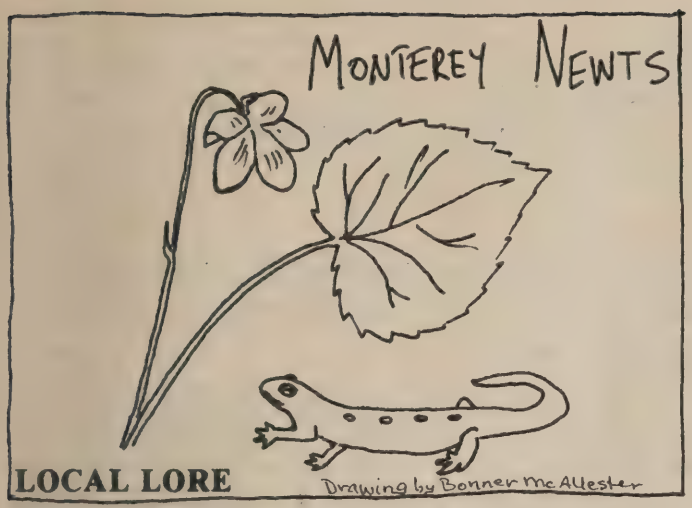
Perhaps the most important thing you should know about your soil is its degree of acidity or alkalinity. The majority of woodland type soils here in Monterey tend to be acidic or "sour," as it is sometimes called. Lime or wood ashes are needed to sweeten the soil to a pH of about 6.5 for the average garden. The addition of lime to an acidic soil stimulates bacterial activity and makes the natural plant foods in the soil more available to the plants. The chart below shows the relationship between soil acidity and nutrient availability for three of the major plant nutrients. The same relationship holds true for the other major nutrients and trace minerals. The thing to remember is that often your soil contains everything that your garden plants need; your job is to create conditions that make these nutrients available to the plants.



You need to know two things before you apply lime: your present soil pH and the soil type. Sandy soil[1] needs a lot less lime than clay soil. Overliming can retard plant growth as much as not liming at all. If your soil requires a large application (over 15 pounds per 100 square feet or three tons per acre), it is best to apply half one year and half the next. Also, it should be understood that the full effect of the lime won't be apparent for about a year. Wood ashes, although more soluble and not as long lasting, are a bit more readily available. We like to use both lime and wood ashes. The following chart shows some general liming recommendations for various soil types to raise a soil to a pH of 6.5.

	lb. lime/100 sq. ft to raise pH to 6.5		
soil pH	SANDY LOAM	LOAM AND SILT LOAM	CLAY AND CLAY LOAM
4.5	30	47½	65
5.0	22½	35	40
5.5	10	12½	20
6.0	5	5	5

[1]Sandy soil needs a lot less lime per application than clay soil, but it will require more frequent applications because of its leaching quality.



WATCH THE ROADS FOR SALAMANDERS— IT'S SPRING ~~FEEDING~~ BREEDING TIME

One hundred million years ago, with no fanfare, no welcoming committee of scientists and scholars, and only the fossil record to take notes, the first four-legged animal came ashore to test its land legs. These legs were more like fins, and this animal was very like a fish out of water. In fact, it didn't so much "come ashore" as find itself high and dry one day when its mudhole dried up. Fortunately, its two pairs of fins were long and stiff and it was able to squirm along the ground until it came to another boggy spot where it could rest and soak in its accustomed primordial ooze.

The decision to give up life in the mudholes and walk about in the sun and wind was not made by individuals. What creature would make such a choice willingly? The aquatic life was stable and good, with no great fluctuations in temperature, plenty of small water animals to eat, and a buoyant medium in which to swim. The first walking, breathing fish were haphazard experiments that worked; they were the evolutionary response to dried-up mudholes.

Most *Homo sapiens* feel that evolution has advanced considerably since those early days, and many twentieth century folks are unaware that they share the planet with 225 species of vertebrate animals who have not changed in 100 million years. These are the salamanders. In evolution and to look at them, they are a link between fish and lizards. They are members of the class "amphibia," which is Greek for "two lives" or "both lives." Most salamanders begin life in the water with gills on their heads and fins on their tails. When they mature they crawl ashore on their little legs and take up the life of a land creature. When breeding time comes, usually in the spring, they feel the ancient aquatic urge and head unerringly for the nearest pond, which usually happens to be their place of birth (or hatching).

Until recently, salamanders stirred little interest in the world of science. They are slow-moving and quiet. Because they must keep their skins moist, they hide in damp places during their terrestrial phase. In 1758 Carolus Linnaeus was naming and cataloguing thousands of animal and plant species. He was an observant naturalist, but he didn't spot many salamanders, and his explanation for their scarcity was that they were so unattractive that "their Creator has not exerted his powers (to create) many of them." Although there are few species of salamanders in the world, we have a great many of them in the eastern United States, from the one-inch pygmy salamander to the 30-inch hellbender. The most common salamander in the country, and the one most often seen in the Berkshires, is the red eft or newt. Linnaeus must never have seen an eft. His description of "foul and loathsome animals" cannot be applied to the delicate orange sprite of damp leafy paths.

The red eft is the teen-ager of the red-spotted newt, an olive-green salamander of lakes and ponds. Eggs are laid in the water and young hatch out with gills for oxygen exchange in the water. In late summer or early fall they lose their gills, leave the water, and turn bright orange or vermillion, with two rows of red spots along their backs, handsomely edged with black. They have rough, moist skin and beautiful golden eyelids. Efts may spend one to three years in the woods, venturing out by day to eat tiny snails and insects. Their only protection against predators is a poison they secrete through their skin, and the bright coloring they sport is a warning. The neurotoxin is harmless to people, but a blue jay who once picks up an eft spits it out hastily and will never grab a red salamander again.

As it reaches maturity, the eft darkens and develops fins on its tail. It heads for water on a warm spring night and spends the rest of its life there in olive drab. Only the black-edged red spots of its flashy adolescence remain. The female is stimulated to lay her eggs by the wild thrashing and tail-waving of the male. They stay clasped together for as long as an hour, when the male lets go and deposits sperm-capped gelatin bundles called spermatophores on the bottom of the pond. The female follows close behind him, walks over the spermatophores, and draws them up into her cloaca. As she lays her eggs, they come in contact with the spermatophores and are fertilized.

Red-spotted newts, wood frogs, and spring peepers are on the move to their breeding ponds at this time of year. The first warm rainy night of spring finds the roads full of frogs and the ponds alive with thrashing salamanders. Salamanders cross the roads, too, but they move slowly and look like sticks. At this time the herpetologists and amateur salamander counters are cruising the roads, too. Most salamanders are practically invisible except on the nights they crawl to their breeding ponds. One group, called mole salamanders, never leave their damp seclusion under the leaves, even when migrating. It's only when they come to a road that they must risk being seen, handled, counted, tagged and worse.

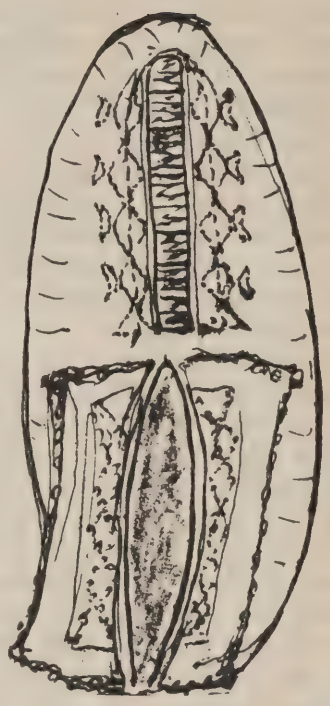
The Massachusetts Natural Heritage Society has organized salamander counting in recent years in hopes of discovering breeding ponds of some rare species. Some people consider salamanders to be good indicators of the effects of acid rain. As interest focuses on these ancient forms, remarkable qualities come to light. We've known for some time that salamanders can regenerate lost limbs, but now it seems that a person with a good lab and enough interest can actually graft a second head onto the back of a salamander and have it take. It may even blink, open its mouth wide, and move its chin. This seems a ludicrous, if not appalling, conclusion for an animal who moves slowly back and forth between two worlds and has not changed its form since putting on its walking legs 100 million years ago.

— Bonner McAllester

LOCAL LORE (cont'd)

INDIAN NOTES

A Mahican Moccasin

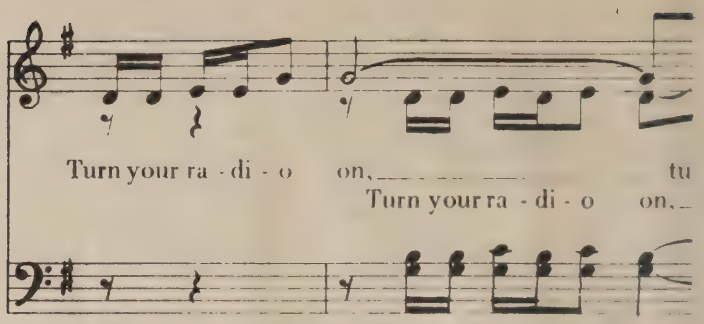


It is made of soft-tanned buckskin. Its golden brown color is from smoking, a process the Indians discovered which keeps leather pliable even after repeated soakings. The side flaps are covered with dark green cloth and edged with white beads. Smaller panels of blue cloth, inside the green area, are criss-crossed with meanders of white beads.

The instep is decorated with delicate porcupine quill embroidery and a central panel of large plaited quills. The panel is dyed in blocks of color, reading up from the toe: yellow, blue, red, blue, then the same sequence again. The embroidery is done by wrapping very fine quills around a close-stitched design in sinew thread. Both quills and thread are wet when the work is done, then shrink very hard and tight as they dry. The panel is framed by an embroidered line of red, then another of white. Flanking this are yellow meanders in pairs, each pair separated by a line of blue. They repeat the motif of the cloth panel but with a subtle variation, meeting but not criss-crossing. Each outer curve on the lateral meanders is decorated with a small red crescent with a white border.

The moccasin is one of a pair given to Israel Dickinson of Stockbridge by Captain Konkapot around 1780. Dickinson's great-grandson, Alan Peck, presented them to the Berkshire Museum in 1958. Very few of the Europeans living in Stockbridge or even Boston or New York at that time had shoes of such delicate beauty. Only the party slippers of a wealthy, aristocratic woman could equal them. In fact, the Indians were criticized for their love of finery and were accused of having childlike, barbaric minds because of it. A strong enjoyment of leisure was another Mahican failing that they shared with the aristocrats of the period. Their missionary and farmer friends deplored it as "idleness" and did not approve of it among the aristocrats, either.

Today we dream of enjoying more leisure, and we decorate ourselves with Indian jewelry and costumes. Navajo blankets, Pueblo pottery, Pomo baskets, Kwakiutl woodcarvings are recognized as very high art, indeed. These Mahican moccasins and other examples of Northeastern quilling, beading, and fine leathermaking have a place of honor among the masterpieces of Indian creativity and imagination.



THE RADIOPHILE

March 1983 was a touch month for this radiophile. WAMC (90.3 FM), the public radio station which broadcasts from Albany, New York, lost its transmission tower on Mount Greylock in an ice storm on March 9, leaving big gaps in my listening schedule. What a relief it was Thursday, March 31, when I tuned in. I heard the voice of Sam, Frodo's trusty companion in his quest to cast "The Lord of the Rings" into the Crack of Doom. WAMC was back on the air!

By the time you read this, "The Lord of the Rings" will have run its course, but something else equally wonderful will probably replace it. WAMC has changed its broadcast schedule recently so that, for one serial anyway, they'll air one episode on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and one on Thursday at 8 p.m. There are two other continuing series scheduled once a week: "Star Wars—The Empire Strikes Back" on Mondays at 8 p.m. and "Moon over Morocco," another fantasy of a more cosmic and cerebral nature. Jack Flanders, the main character, has come through two other radio adventures, "The Fourth Tower of Inverness," which I consider the ultimate in cosmic radio comedy, and "The Incredible Adventures of Jack Flanders." These series are repeated from time to time.

For a while WAMC was playing a complete half hour radio drama every night. I gave up listening to these. "X Minus One," the Wednesday night (8 p.m.) science fiction series, is also a disappointment. It's a relic of "The Golden Age of Radio" (?) and is of a "Twilight Zone" vintage.

WFCR (89.1), the public radio station from Amherst, airs one of these radio dramas on Friday night at 10 p.m.

— Leslie Scutellaro

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met March 16, 1983. Sister Edith Wheeler, a member of the State Grange Home and Community Committee, was present to outline the projects for the year.

The "I Am a Fruit," with articles brought in by the sisters, was a success and realized $30.00 for the repair fund.

Applications for new members are being taken.

Monterey Grange #291 met April 6 for a regular meeting and an Easter Program.

National Grange Week will be April 24 to 30. The Conservation Committee will have an exhibit at the post office. The Grange has entered the National Grange Insurance Safety Contest.

Applications for membership have been received. The degree dates have been changed to May 4 and May 18.

— Mary Wallace
Lecturer

FOOD PROJECT PAGE

WELCOME HOME PARTY FOR MONTEREY'S NEW GRAPEVINES AND AUTUMN OLIVE TREES

A welcome party and picnic are planned for Sunday noon, April 24, to celebrate the arrival of 20 grapevines and 30 autumn olive trees in Monterey. The picnic and party will be held on the picnic grounds below the Lake Garfield dam on Beartown Road. Townspeople are urged to come, bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy the fun. Members of the Monterey Food Project are collaborating with the Monterey Parks Commission to plan a program. State legislators Peter Webber and Chris Hodgkins will be invited, as well as Monterey Selectmen, members of the county Farm Bureau and members of the local Grange. Songs and performances appropriate to the beauties and promise of spring will be presented.

Vines and saplings will be brought to Monterey on April 16 and ground preparation and planting will follow during the week. Except, perhaps, for a cameo performance by one particularly fetching vine, all plants should be in the ground and ready to receive the blessings of the town by Sunday noon. By coincidence the planting ceremony falls in the same weekend as Earth Day, this year scheduled for April 23. Earth Day was suggested by Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin in the early '60s as a national observance during which ideas could be originated for ways to "combat pollution and the inefficient use of natural resources." In 1971 it was established permanently as an annual event by Massachusetts statutes. It is fitting that Monterey's grapes and autumn olives will be established in their new home by this day.

If by some twist of fate it happens to rain, check the bulletin board or call 528-1988 for alternate plans, and, well, the trees and vines will probably love it.

WHAT *IS* AUTUMN OLIVE, ANYWAY?

Autumn olive is described in USDA leaflet No. 458 as being a wide-spreading shrub with dark brown branches and long, wavy-edged, silvery green leaves. In spring, autumn olive has an abundance of sweet-scented yellow flowers. In autumn it produces heavy crops of red berries which attract a variety of songbirds and game birds. On poor soil the light shade, deep roots and nitrogen-fixing capabilities of autumn olive encourage natural establishment of grass and other soil-protecting plants. It may be pruned into a hedgerow or allowed to grow into a tall ornamental shrub.

In Monterey the autumn olives will be distributed along the division between the parking area and the recreation area at the Town Beach.

According to Judy Heiman at the Department of Food and Agriculture in Boston, the varieties of grapes designated for Monterey include Concord, Steuben, Schuyler, Van Buren, Bath and Price. The grapes will be trained along the split rail fence bordering the picnic area below the Garfield dam.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANS

Food Project members are looking for a site for the community garden. Anybody out there got an acre or so of tilled land with pretty good access which we could use for the summer?

The plan are to create individual plots which individuals, families or groups can use to grow a variety of plants for their own use. There will be a model plot in which hesitant novices can dabble along with expert advisors. And there will be a section reserved for one or two winter storage crops which the group may market through local outlets after garden season is over. Interested gardeners and helpers should call Ellen Pearson at 528-1988.

INFORMATIVE PUBLICATIONS MADE AVAILABLE BY RON KUJAWSKI

Several books and a number of pamphlets have been donated to the Monterey Food Project by Extension Agent Ron Kujawski as a result of a suggestion by Monterey Energy Project member Bud Rodgers at the close of a workshop on winter storage.

The books are a selection of United States Department of Agriculture yearbooks describing agricultural research, ideas for landscaping and gardening, and methods of maintaining quality in food. Written in the 'sixties, the books provide a partial history of the origins of our present food system and are replete with a telling blend of naivete, boastfulness and earnest effort.

The pamphlets cover a range of planting information from house plants of all types to outdoor ornamentals, lawn care, gardens, fruits, shade trees, shrubs, and even greenhouses.

All publications will be on display at Monterey Food Project Workshops and meetings. If there is demand for it, Project members will investigate possibilities of making the publications available in the Monterey Library during the summer.

FARMTRAILS MAP

Local produce growers and farmers may have their roadside stands and farms listed free of charge in a Southern Berkshire Farmtrails Map, to be published this spring by Southern Berkshire Community Action, Community Action Executive Director Thomas Rathbun announced this week.

The map will indicate growers' locations, hours and products, and will be printed on an attractive road map of South County. Farmers from any of the 17 towns of South Berkshire are eligible for listing.

Donna Tunkel of Monterey is Farmtrails Project Coordinator. She says the map will be a big help for growers who wish to sell directly to the public from their own farms and stands. "It should also foster healthy contact between consumers and growers and will give growers easier access to markets while encouraging local agriculture," Ms. Tunkel said.

Growers who wish to be listed in the Farmtrails Map may call Donna Tunkel at 528-3899.

PERSONALS

Monterey now has a direct connection with the peace movement: Dean Allen, long-time summer resident, has become associate director of the Peace Development Fund. The fund makes grants to small grassroots groups all across the country for peace-related projects. Dean's job is mainly fundraising for PDF, which has to raise the money it distributes. He'd be happy to hear from Montereyans concerned about the arms race (PDF, P. O. Box 270, Amherst, MA 01004).

Ruth Handley Price, 70, or 529 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina, died March 11 in Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, after a short illness. She was the wife of the Rev. Hampton E. Price, who was executive director of Gould Farm here from 1962 until his retirement in 1972. Mr. price still serves on the board.

During her husband's directorship, Mrs. Price was active in all phases of the Farm.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Candlelight Club of the United Church of Christ, Dunstable, or to Gould Farm in Monterey.

Raymond F. Olds, 81, of Blue Hill Road, Monterey, died March 10 at the Great Barrington Healthcare nursing home. Mr. Olds was born in Willimantic, Connecticut, and moved to Monterey in 1943 and worked at Gould Farm. From 1953 to 1963, he and his wife managed the Walker Missionary Home in Auburndale. He is survived by his wife, Abbie Storrs Olds, to whom he was married 61 years. He leaves three sons, including Storrs F. Olds of Monterey, and a brother, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Teresa Mensi will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 11. According to friends, Mrs. Mensi is still "sharp as a two-edged sword." Up until about six months ago, until failing eyesight got the better of her, she baked a loaf of bread every day.

Last year she received a letter of congratulation from President Reagan on her long life. Her son, George, with whom she lives on Tyringham Road, says that at this point in her life she has some good days and some bad days, and she doesn't see many of her friends anymore. We are sure everyone wishes her well on May 11.

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CALENDAR

Country Dance Schedule

Friday, April 22—Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel at the Eighth Step Coffee House, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 275 State Street, Albany. 8:45 p.m.-12 midnight. Contradance open to the public.

Saturday, April 23—Contradance at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel. This program is for people who have contradanced before. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Admission, $3.00. Tonight's program is Dancer's Choice!

Saturday, May 15—Contradance at the Sheffield Grange for beginners and children. Everyone is welcome. Joe Baker is the caller and will teach all of the dances. Music by Mountain Laurel Band. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Adults, $3.00; chidren, $1.00 to dance until intermission.

Saturday, May 28—Contradance for experienced dancers at the Sheffield Grange. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Admission $3.00.

For information on any of the above events, call 528-9385.

Red maple branches and buds.

HOW TO RECONCILE ART AND LIFE?

We got a polite note (apologizing for being finicky) from Loul McIntosh regarding Nancy Beach's fanciful drawing of sun, moon and Venus in the March issue. Loul pointed out that we had the moon and Venus on the wrong side of the sun and the moon facing the wrong way. The wonders of the universe continue to reveal themselves to us. Sorry, Loul!

LADIES AID SOCIETY

Ladies Aid held its March and April meetings in the Church Social Room, Jean Stowell acting as hostess in March, Lucy Smith in April. The March meeting was a work meeting, but Jean told us her plans for the April meeting, and Mary Ward reported that the blanket fund, to which we had contributed $10, had received $90.

Our April meeting was a party for the four mothers of the three little girls and one little boy born within the last month. Three of the mothers came with their babies, who behaved beautifully, seeming to enjoy the entertainment put on by our guest of honor, Lee Wool of Mill River. She told how this hobby (collecting and making hats) had started, when her husband moved here and wanted something to do; he started an antique shop, buying the whole contents of houses. The contents of some included old hats going back to before the Civil War. These early hats were all black with ribbons that tied under the chin to keep them on. Later, she discovered that almost anything pretty could be made into a hat.

We voted $10 to a fund that is raising money to send qualified Monterey girls to the Girls' and Boys' State.

The date of the next meeting was set for the fifth of May. At last word, it is to be held at Jean Stowell's home, for, though satisfaction was expressed with the Church Social Room location, a conflict was feared.

The spring clothing drive has begun. Only light garments are requested (no shoes or heavy coats), but sweaters of all types and sizes are welcome, new underclothes for children, light outer garments, particularly for children, and yarn. Receptacles will be put in the Church vestibule, in Milly Walsh's store, and on the Wards' porch.

— Margery Janes
Secretary

FRESH ART ARRIVED. THE MORE WE GET, THE MORE WE WANT.

Donna Drew, art teacher for the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, sent us an envelope of drawings from Mill River School children. You are seeing some of the drawings in this issue of the *Monterey News*. We appreciate the kids' taking time to brighten up our paper. Edith Wilson has been busy at work on her telephone doodle pad. Nevertheless, we are insatiable. More, more!

COMMENTS

The *Monterey News* gets better and better. Congratulations and Happy Easter.

Thank you for the informative issues of the *Monterey News*.

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